

EMS
Governor's Advisory Council
February 10, 2010

Minutes

Member's Present

Dr. Timothy Calicott
Garry Odom
Norbert Gunderman, Jr.
Steven Henson – via conference call
David Stoppel - via conference call
Rod Barrett
Doug Duerr
Jamin Snarr – via conference call
Cathee Terrell
Dr. Darren Flamik – via conference call
Jeff Priebe – via conference call
Todd Freeman – via conference call
Dr. Karl Wagenhauser

Member's Absent

Tony Hickerson
Kenneth Starnes
Dr. Rodney Dixon
Sidney Ward
Billy Artis
Deloris Sykes

ADH Staff

Sonya Sampson
Norajean Miles Harrell
Addie Grigsby-Roshell
Brian Nation – via conference call
Stella Nelson
Detrich Smith
Amy Anthony
Helen Huitt
Joe Martin
Martin Davis

Visitors

Danny Bercher
Denise Carson
John Senner

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Timothy Calicott called the EMS Advisory Council to order on February 10, 2010 at the Office of EMS & Trauma Systems, at 1:45 p.m.

II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Members and guests introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The floor was open for approval of November 4, 2009 Minutes. There were corrections to be made to the minutes; therefore the minutes were not approved. Will approve corrected minutes at next meeting scheduled EMS Governor's Advisory Council.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Director's Update – Norajeane Miles Harrell gave Director's update. Handed out for review and discussed the following:

Paramedic Scholarship Fund & Training:

The Office of Rural Health and Primary Care & the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems has provided sub-grants with all Arkansas Paramedic training sites. The following was available for all eligible paramedic training sites: \$40,000 for paramedic scholarships and \$20,000 for paramedic training site equipment. Fifteen Training Sites are participating with one only eligible for equipment this time. Nine have returned paperwork with signatures and two are already approved and awaiting invoices. The scholarships and equipment invoices must be paid by August 31, 2010. The Section of EMS will continue to work with the Office of Rural Health to try to obtain funding for this upcoming year.

EMSP Licensure Update: Implementation of Emergency Medical Services Personnel (EMSP) licensure status (ACT 689 of 2009) is on schedule. The Section has completed mailing of new licensure cards to all EMSPs with expiration dates of September, 2009 and 2010 and March, 2011. The Section is completing the process by issuing licensure cards to individuals with an expiration date of March 31, 2010 with their renewal. The Section expects to have all individuals updated with new licensure cards by April 1, 2010.

Section Chief's position: The position was advertised and closed on January 15. HR has forwarded the approved applications to the Branch Chief, Renee Mallory who will be making appointments for interviews with the qualified applicants. The process is lengthy but a priority of the Center for Health Protection. The Council will be informed when an applicant has been hired. Thank you for your support and concerns during this difficult time.

2010 Council Meeting Dates: A list of Council meeting dates has been placed in your packet. Please mark your calendars. Two meetings will be held in this room, one upstairs in room 906 and one at the Hot Springs, Convention Center.

A-1 Certification Update – Norajean Miles Harrell gave the following certification report:

EMSP Licensure Report for EMS Advisory Council:

September license renewal complete

Renewal packets mailed on January 4, 2010 – 1578

Classes Approved by the Section of EMS and Trauma Systems for 2009:

Basic classes	30 classes scheduled for 2010 (5 yet to begin)
Basic refresher classes:	34 classes scheduled for 2010 (1 yet to begin)
Advanced classes:	10 ongoing classes (completing in 2010)
Advanced refresher classes:	63 held in 2009 - 33 scheduled in 2010

I. New Certification

Certified in 2007 (includes reciprocity)	549
Certified in 2008 (includes reciprocity)	584
Certified/Licensed in 2009 (includes reciprocity)	594

Reciprocity

Advance Reciprocity candidates	
Certified via Reciprocity in 2008	63
Complete via Reciprocity in 2009	42 (P=40, AEMT=2)
Working in 2010	21 (P=18, AEMT=3)
Complete to date in 2010	5 (P=4, AEMT=3)
Basic Reciprocity candidates in process	61
Total via reciprocity in 2009	42
Total to date in 2010	8
CEU total approved in 2007	2667
CEU total approved in 2008	2761
CEU total approved in 2009	3108
CEU approved to date in 2010	960

<u>Statewide totals:</u>	(7/21/09)	6213	(5/20/09)	6052	(5/07/08)	5986
EMT-Ambulance	4152		4021		3955	
EMT- Basic	269		270		294	
EMT- Intermediate	143		143		159	
EMT- Paramedic	1649		1618		1577	

Currently:	as of 2/10/2010	6336	10/30/09 - EMSPs total	6192
Licensed EMTs			4487	4377
Licensed Advanced EMTs			142	143
Licensed Paramedics			1707	1672

Data for this report reflects information current through February 10, 2010

A-2 – Larry New gave the following Regulatory Report – Since the last EMS Advisory Council meeting on November 12, 2008, the Section of EMS & Trauma Systems has completed the following inspections:

200 Series – 26 Ambulance services – 69 Ambulances inspected

700 Series – 12 Ambulance services – 45 Ambulances inspected

Next inspection series is the 600 Series. 37 Ambulance services and 108 ambulances.

TO DATE FOR OPTIONAL SKILLS:

RSI – 16 Services

CPAP - 50 Services

CVAV - 1 Service

Huber Needle – 20 Services

Cardiac Thrombolitics – 8 Services

EZ-IO – 42

TOTAL AMBULANCE SERVICES – 201

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A-3 Trauma Systems Report – Brian Nation gave Trauma Systems report.

The Section of EMS and Trauma Systems and the Trauma Advisory Council is near the end of the administrative review process for the revised Rules and Regulations for Trauma Systems. The finished version has been submitted to the Governor's office for signature. Once it has been approved and signed, the completed document will be made available on the Section's web site.

Legislation is currently being considered that might provide funding for a trauma system in Arkansas. House Bill 1204 would increase the tobacco tax to provide for a number of health related programs. A portion of the approximately 88 million dollars from this change could be used to fund the trauma system. The bill achieved the super majority of 75 votes needed to pass through the House of Representatives on February 5, 2009. The bill should be considered by the Senate within the next couple of weeks.

House Bill 1238 has also been proposed to help fund the trauma system. This bill adds to moving violation fines and to aggravated assaults to fund the system. This bill is currently being discussed in House committees.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B-1 EMSC – Garry Odom and Addie Grigsby-Roshell gave the following EMSC Report:

The EMSC Gant Program funding cycle ends on February 28, 2009. We are waiting for results from our national office regarding funding for the 2009 –2010 year. We are optimistic that our grant proposal has been accepted and the program will continue.

We would like to thank the Southeast Arkansas Community College (SEARK) for hosting a two-day Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP) course and a Train the Trainer Course. It is our goal to continue to offer pediatric training throughout the state. Since we started offering the PEPP course along with the Train the Trainer the numbers of individuals eligible to teach the class have increased tremendously.

EMS Agencies across the state were given an opportunity to have their names drawn to receive a child restraint safety system to use while transporting small pediatric patients. The restraint systems have been distributed and as a result of receiving that one “Pedi-mate”, Vital-Link EMS has decided to equip all of their units with the child restraint system.

Appreciation was expressed to Dr. Tonya Thompson, for her work with EMSC program. Dr. Thompson has served as the Program Director / Principal Investigator for the past year three years and will continue to dedicate her time with the Arkansas Children’s Hospital. Brian Nation will serve as the EMSC principal investigator for the upcoming year.

Garry Odom made a motion to request to add EMSC seat on the EMS Governor’s Advisory Council. Rod Barrett seconded and motion was passed by the Council.

B-2 Training Committee – Jamin Snarr gave Training Committee Report. Training Committee met Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at the Office of EMS & Trauma Systems at 10 a.m. A letter was sent to National Registry to use King Airway and Easy IO testing skills. Rob Wagner stated that the King Airway could be used, but not Easy IO. Benefit is it is quicker because stations are timed and this can be time consuming. Also discussed National Registry changing standard of care in basic level by skipping steps. Jamin Snarr will look into this issue.

B-3 EMS Rules & Regulations Committee – November/December meetings were canceled. This committee will meet next week. Once the Rules and Regulations are complete in May, the committee will meet in August and have a draft to review before the Board of Health which should take four to six months without any opposition.

B-4 Air Ambulance Regulations Sub-Committee – David Stoppel gave Air Ambulance Regulations Sub-Committee report. Discussed real time internet web based update on Trauma, EMS hearings, State oversite, etc. Next meeting will be May 13, 2009, 1:00 pm at the Office of EMS & Trauma Systems.

B-5 EMS Data Committee – Garry Odom gave EMS Data Committee report. The system is up and running. The server has been installed to receive data. We received 150,000 from Office of Rural Health to get the web base. Forty Ambulance Services are now installed to collect new data.

C. PROJECT UPDATES

C-1 RSI Update – To date two services (one ground and one air) have been approved to conduct field RSI. There are 12 services that have submitted request, and site visits will be conducted once all required material is received or a site visit date can be established. The Section hopes to have all 12 applicants up and running by the next Council meeting

C-2 Stroke/Protocol Development – Dr. Calicott gave Stroke/Protocol Development report- LA Stroke Scale has new protocol stroke care will be treated like level 1 Trauma. Hopefully protocol will shed light on stroke and make stroke a higher priority – will have code stroke so patients have priority; will have information done by next meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. NEXT MEETING DATES

The next EMS Governor's Advisory Council meeting is scheduled at the May 19, 2009 1:30 p.m. during EMS Week.

VII. ADJOURN

Motion was made by David Stoppel and seconded by Cathee Terrell to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.